#### 2010 Compensatory Mitigation Monitoring Report

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

L.E. Carpenter & Company (LEC) implemented a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) for the impacted portion of their ± 14.6-acre site (approximately 4.7 acres of disturbed area) located at 170 North Main Street, Borough of Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey (Figure 1). The site comprises Block 301, Lot 1 and Block 703, Lot 30 on the Borough of Wharton tax map. The project area is located in the USGS Dover, New Jersey quadrangle with center state plane coordinates of N 754326.5 E 470891.83 (NAD 1983) (Figure 2). A 2007 aerial photograph of the project site is also included (Figure 3).

Due to the parcel's previous utilization for mining and forging throughout the 1700's and 1800's, and vinyl manufacturing from 1943 to 1987, contaminated soils and groundwater were identified on the site. RMT, Inc. (RMT), on behalf of LEC, worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to implement the RAWP for those impacted areas of the property.

As part of the RAWP, several "Hot Spots" (areas exhibiting either inorganic or organic contaminant concentrations in soil in excess of the 1994 Record of Decision (ROD) cleanup criteria) were identified across the site for removal. Several areas identified for contaminant removal overlapped with jurisdictional wetlands on site. A total of 0.337 acre of jurisdictional wetlands was temporarily impacted as a result of site remediation activities (Figure 4). This acreage consisted of a 0.003 acre and 0.009 acre lobe of forested/scrub-shrub wetland on site, 0.286 acre of forested/scrub-shrub and emergent marsh wetland to the east on the Wharton Enterprise property, and 0.039 acre of the Air Products open-water drainage channel relocation to the northeast. Due to the fact that project activities and wetlands extend off site onto adjacent properties, the project area or site referenced in this plan includes the LEC parcel, several acres of the Wharton Enterprises parcel to the east, and the Air Products drainage channel to the northeast.

Upon completion of cleanup activities, the entire 0.337 acre of wetland disturbance was restored and enhanced as more diverse emergent wetland communities. All temporary wetland impacts were restored and mitigated for at their current locations. A Wetland Mitigation Construction Final Report, dated August 28, 2005, was submitted to the NJDEP upon completion of restoration activities.

The main source of hydrology for the restored wetland is a direct surface water flow from the Rockaway River. The wetland area was restored to pre-cleanup grades. The intention was to restore and enhance the pre-existing wetland so that there is no-net loss of wetlands as a result of the clean-up work completed by LEC.

The primary means through which wetland vegetation will be established in the mitigation area is through planting native seed and bare root stock trees, as well as natural colonization from the adjacent wetland areas. For a list of planted species within the mitigation area and transition zone, see Appendix A.

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#### **MONITORING**

Annual monitoring of the mitigation area was proposed originally for five years. Due to the installation of the monitoring wells on site and subsequent disturbance, the site has continued to be monitored. Annual monitoring will continue unless it is apparent the wetland has been successfully established, upon which case the permittee will propose elimination of any subsequent reports in writing to the NJDEP. Only upon written concurrence from the NJDEP will any reporting requirements be eliminated.

LEC will submit annual reports to the NJDEP by December 31 of each monitoring year in accordance with the requirements outlined in the NJDEP Mitigation Project Monitoring Reports Checklist for Completeness. The monitoring reports will, at a minimum, include the following:

- 1. Photographs of the wetland mitigation areas.
- 2. Assessment of vegetative communities and evaluation of whether a dominance of wetland species exists (according to federal wetland indicator status of species identified).
- 3. Wildlife utilization evaluation.
- 4. Hydrology evaluation.
- 5. Soil evaluation.
- 6. Sediment loading evaluation.
- 7. Evaluation of sideslope and transition area conditions. Evaluation of overall progress toward successful achievement of wetland creation as designed, per each of the performance standards dictated for the project. Perform a comparative assessment between existing conditions and the performance standards.

This document will serve as the sixth annual monitoring report.

#### **METHODS**

A spring site visit was completed on May 26, 2010 followed by a thorough review of the mitigation site on September 7, 2010. During the May visit, conditions were sunny and humid with a temperature of 88° F while conditions were mostly sunny and 85° F during the September site visit. During the May 26<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> site visits, the invasive species of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) were chemically treated. During the September site visit, autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) and multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) were also cut and the stumps treated to prevent further spread of these species.

The wetland was walked using the random meander method. All plant species encountered during the walk-through were recorded on inventory data sheets until no new plant species were observed (Appendix B). Plant names were used as listed in Gleason and Cronquist (1991).

Three permanent transects were set up in order to measure percent cover of vegetation in the wetland (Figure 4). Several 1-m<sup>2</sup> plots were laid along the transect in order to measure the vegetative cover. A percent cover value was assigned to each species found in the plots. Total



vegetative cover was calculated by averaging the vegetative cover from each plot along the transect (Appendix B).

Information on hydrology was collected using evidence provided by soil pits. Permanent reference points were located at the beginning of each transect so that water levels are recorded in the same location from year-to-year. The site was also inspected for problems such as erosion, sedimentation, and water quality issues. Signs of wildlife use were recorded during the walk-through. Finally, permanent photopoint locations were identified and reference photographs were taken.

#### **VEGETATIVE COMMUNITY**

The data from the plots was used to describe the vegetative cover. Of the total wetland and transition areas, an average of 94% was vegetated and 6% was bare soil, which was a decrease in vegetative cover by 5% from 2009. The total vegetative cover in the emergent zone remains high at 98%, while there was a slight decrease in vegetative cover of the forested zone from 98% (2009) to 92% (2010). The total number of species has increased in both the emergent and forested zones, while the actual vegetative cover by native wetland indicator species decreased in both zones from 2009 (Tables 1 and 2). The total number of species in the transition zone increased from 2009, and remains high considering the small size of the transition zone (Table 3).

Dominant species, based on relative cover (RC), in the emergent zone include tickle grass (Agrostis hyemalis) (17.8% RC), birdfoot trefoil (Lotus corniculata) (10.0% RC), reed canary grass (7.4% RC), tall goldenrod (Solidago altissima) (7.0% RC), redtop (Agrostis gigantea) (6.3% RC), and path rush (Juncus tenuis) (5.6% RC). Dominant species in the forested/scrubshrub zone include tickle grass (28.9% RC), sneezeweed (Helenium autumnale) (12.8% RC), and birdfoot trefoil (11.7% RC). Dominant species in the transition zone include grass-leaved goldenrod (Euthamia graminifolia) (18.1% RC), Indian grass (Sorghastrum nutans) (14.7% RC), redtop (10.5% RC), and tall goldenrod (9.9% RC).

Table 1. A summary of species diversity in the emergent zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover	Percent Actual Vegetative Cover by NWIS
2005	49	19 (39%)	29 (59%)	77%	11%
2006	46	24 (52%)	31 (67%)	90%	38%
2007	56	36 (64%)	44 (79%)	78%	31%
2008	48	24 (50%)	32 (67%)	89%	39%
2009	71	39 (55%)	50 (70%)	100%	41%
2010	86	43 (50%)	56 (65%)	98%	30%



Table 2. A summary of species diversity in the forested/scrub-shrub zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover	Percent Actual Vegetative Cover by NWIS
2005	51	23 (45%)	34 (67%)	82%	10%
2006	53	29 (55%)	41 (77%)	98%	26%
2007	54	23 (43%)	36 (67%)	82%	41%
2008	70	37 (53%)	48 (69%)	98%	53%
2009	76	36 (47%)	55 (72%)	98%	55%
2010	92	42 (46%)	59 (64%)	92%	34%

Table 3. A summary of species diversity in the transition zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover
2005	37	7 (19%)	19 (51%)	62%
2006	49	10 (31%)	28 (57%)	94%
2007	63	19 (30%)	39 (62%)	100%
2008	69	14 (20%)	38 (55%)	97%
2009	61	18 (30%)	34 (56%)	99%
2010	66	19 (29%)	37 (56%)	92%

The following invasive species were observed within the mitigation wetlands during the 2010 monitoring visit: reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). These species were located in a strip approximately 15' wide around the north and east border of the emergent zone and in scattered locations through the center of the zone. In the emergent zone, the relative cover of purple loosestrife was 7.4% RC in 2007, 4.9% RC in 2008, 3.8% RC in 2009, and 4.5% RC in 2010. Reed canary grass increased with a relative cover of 7.4% (2007-3.4% RC, 2008-2.7% RC, 2009-3.5%). In the forested zone, purple loosestrife had the lowest relative cover to date at 1.0% (2006-5.3% RC, 2007-4.2% RC, 2008-2.0% RC, and 2009-3.5% RC). Reed canary grass showed a slight decrease in the forested zone with a relative cover of 0.8%, down from 1.2% RC in 2009. These species will continue to be selectively treated using wetland-approved herbicides. Annual treatments will be performed twice each year through September 2011, or until invasive populations have been effectively controlled.

During the 2007 site visit, it was noted that all of the bareroot trees and shrubs planted in June of 2005 had died through a combination of drought conditions and deer predation. In May of 2008, 275 supplemental bareroot trees and shrubs were installed (Appendix A) with predator guards to encourage sufficient coverage to meet mitigation requirements. During the August 28, 2008 site visit, 165 trees and shrubs were sampled to determine survival. Of the 165 sampled trees, a total of 73 live trees were counted (44.2% survival) in 2008, and 61 (37% survival) in 2009. During the September 7, 2010 site visit the total number of live trees sampled was 50 (30% survival).

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In the opinion of JFNew, two possible factors may be contributing to the relatively low bareroot tree survivorship. The first factor involves site hydrology. The majority of the site appears to experience fairly significant hydrologic fluctuations, typical of a riverine floodplain community. Several of the species that were planted may not be tolerating these fluctuations in a bare root form. The pin oak (*Quercus palustris*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), and maples (*Acer spp.*) are surviving better than the remaining species; likely due to their ability to tolerate a greater range of hydrologic conditions. The second factor may involve the size of the planted material. Several larger balled and burlapped trees may help jump start several of the species that are struggling to become established. However, it should be noted that red and silver maples (*Acer rubrum* and *A. saccharinum*, respectively) are naturally recruiting into the restored areas from adjacent woodlots, so these seed sources are helping to reestablish the forested community on site.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Invasive or noxious vegetation can oftentimes prevent or hinder the successful establishment of native species in a wetland mitigation area. For this reason, a routine wetland maintenance program is being implemented at the LEC project site. This program includes semi-annual site visits to assess and treat (if necessary) any invasive species found on the property. Based on knowledge of the site and adjacent communities, chemical applications have been selected as the most effective maintenance tool for control of invasive species. Invasive species on the site were chemically treated on May 26 and September 7, 2010. As previously mentioned, additional invasive species control measures were implemented during the September 7, 2010 site visit. It had been noted during the May 26<sup>th</sup> site visit that autumn olive and multiflora rose were beginning to increase in the emergent and forested zones. Each of these species was cut to within at least 6" of the ground and then a 50% glyphosate mixture was applied manually using a sponge. This method was chosen, despite being more labor intensive, due to its selectivity and minimal damage to surrounding vegetation.

Any potential browsing damage by herbivores will be noted and addressed during routine maintenance site visits. Should the need arise, deer or goose fencing will be erected around the seeded areas to promote growth and restrict grazing or browsing. As stated earlier, all tree and shrub plantings in May 2008 were installed with predator guards to reduce possible herbivory.

Subsequent to permit issuance and after the restored wetland areas had been planted, several federal agency personnel raised a concern over the use of barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crusgalli*) in the wetland restoration seed mix. Due to the fact that several respected botanical sources disagree on the status of barnyard grass as a native versus non-native species, it was decided that barnyard grass populations on the project site will be monitored. If at any time it is determined that barnyard grass is having a detrimental effect on the mitigation area or prohibiting the establishment of other native species, it will be effectively controlled during the semi-annual maintenance site inspections. At this time, barnyard grass does not appear to be a long-term concern.



#### **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

Site conditions in 2010 were similar to those in 2009. During the September 7<sup>th</sup> site visit, the hydrology was dry to moist with saturation at the soil surface. The wettest areas occurred in the eastern end of the wetland area with up to 1.5 inches of inundation. During the May 26<sup>th</sup> site visit, hydrology was present throughout the emergent and forested zones ranging from saturation at the surface to 4 inches of inundation in the emergent zone and 3 inches of inundation in the forested zone.

#### **WILDLIFE HABITAT**

Evidence of wildlife use was present in the mitigation wetland (Table 4). The presence of white-tailed deer and Canada Goose continue to be evident, though herbivory by these species does not appear to have caused detrimental harm to the herbaceous species. The complete loss of all planted trees in 2005 may be directly related to the herbivory by white-tailed deer. An increasing number of bird species are identified on site as six new species were added to the list in 2010.

Table 4. Comprehensive list of wildlife observations in the mitigation wetland

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
BIRDS	
Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged Blackbird*
Ardea herodias	Great Blue Heron*
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose*
Buteo jamaicensis	Red-Tailed Hawk
Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker
Cyanocitta cristata	Blue Jay
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow*
Melospiza melodia	Song Sparrow*
Quiscalus quiscula	Common Grackle*
Turdus migratorius	American Robin*
Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern Kingbird*
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove*
AMPHIBIANS	
Rana clamitans	Green frog*
MAMMALS	
Odocoileus virginianus	White-tailed deer*
INSECTS	
Papilio glaucus	Tiger swallowtail
Family Acrididae	Short-horned grasshoppers*
Order Mantodea	Praying mantis species*
Order Odonata	Red dragonflies
Order Odonata	Blue damselflies

<sup>\*</sup>Observed in 2010



#### **SOILS**

During the 2010 site visit, soil characteristics and textures were not specifically examined due to the fact that this had previously been done in June 2005. Results of the soil profile review were presented in the Wetland Mitigation Construction Final Report, dated August 28, 2005, and are again presented below (Table 5).

**Table 5. Soil profile review** 

•	Soil Depth	Munsell Soil Color	Soil Texture
Boring 1 (40.54.15.00748N 74.34.31.41719W)	0-10" 10-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/3	Loam Loam
Boring 2 (40.54.14.42438N 74.34.31.14259W)	0-13" 13-20"	10YR 4/2 10YR 3/2	Loamy clay Loamy clay
Boring 3 (40.54.13.75148N 74.34.31.31904W)	0-15" 15-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/1	Loam Loamy clay
Boring 4 (40.54.13.94790N 74.34.29.98567W)	0-2" 2-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/2	Loam Loam
Boring 5 (40.54.14.63046N 74.34.29.45719W)	0-9" 9-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/2	Loam Loam
Boring 6 (40.54.12.80847N 74.34.34.70682W)	0-20"	10YR 3/3	Loam

#### SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL

There were no signs of erosion problems on the days the site was investigated. The potential for erosion issues has decreased due to the site's vegetative cover. It is expected that continued vegetative cover of the mitigation area will effectively eliminate the potential for erosion.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The mitigation area was constructed during an extremely dry growing season, and late installation of seed and bare root trees, as well as herbivory by white-tailed deer and Canada Goose, were causes for the slow development of the mitigation wetland areas. However, during the May 29, 2008 site visit, 275 bare root trees and shrubs were installed with predator guards to compensate for the complete mortality of the 2005 woody plant installation. Despite a fairly high mortality rate of the 2008 plantings, it is expected that the forested zone will continue to develop through natural succession as the large trees within and surrounding the mitigation wetland will provide a heavy seed source for future colonization. The actual percent cover by native wetland species has increased since construction of the site, but still remains lower than the required 85% cover by native wetland species. The diversity of each of the zones is relatively high with

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relation to the size of each zone. During the 2010 site visits, there were 86 species identified in the emergent zone, 92 species in the forested zone, and 66 species in the transition zone.

At this time, it is recommended that LEC continue maintenance visits for invasive species control to eliminate or effectively control their presence in the wetland mitigation and transition areas. The effectiveness of the 2010 treatments of autumn olive and multiflora rose will be evaluated during the 2011 growing season, and the necessity of future control measures of these species will be evaluated at that time.

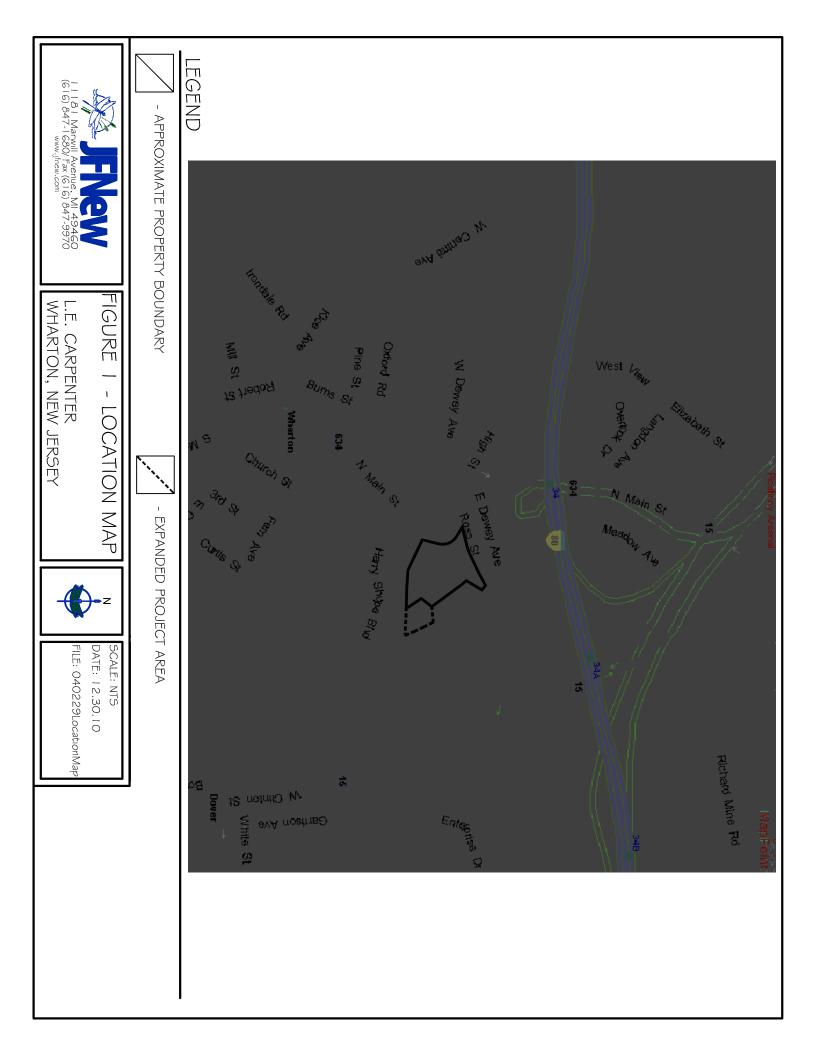
Due to the fact that wetland communities surround the mitigation site and the elevations of the site were restored to pre-existing contours with no impedance to surface or groundwater flow, we expect that wetland and transition zone restoration will continue to progress and be successful.

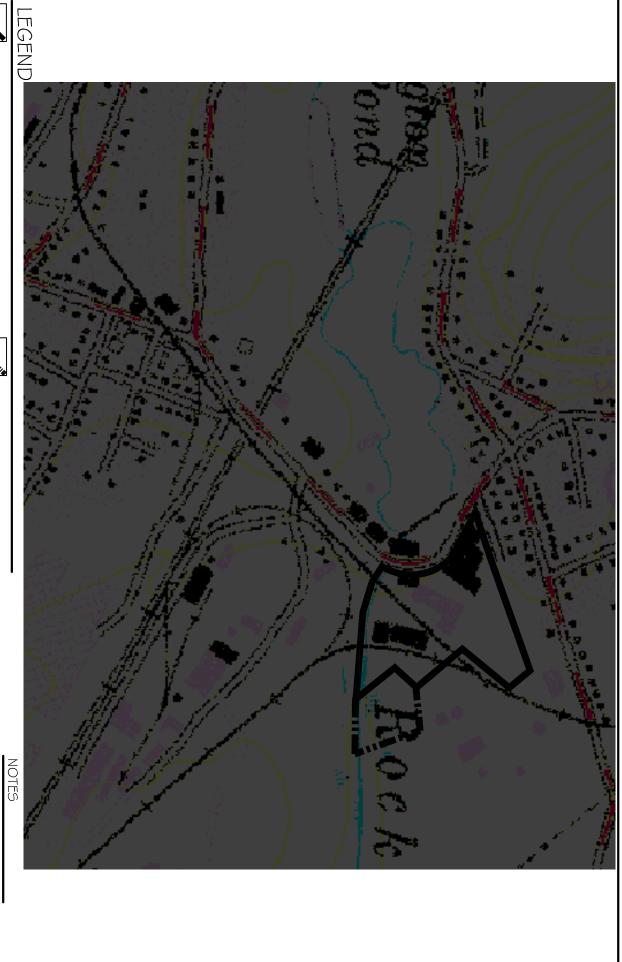
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## **Figures**









- APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY

- EXPANDED PROJECT AREA

FIGURE 2 - USGS MAP

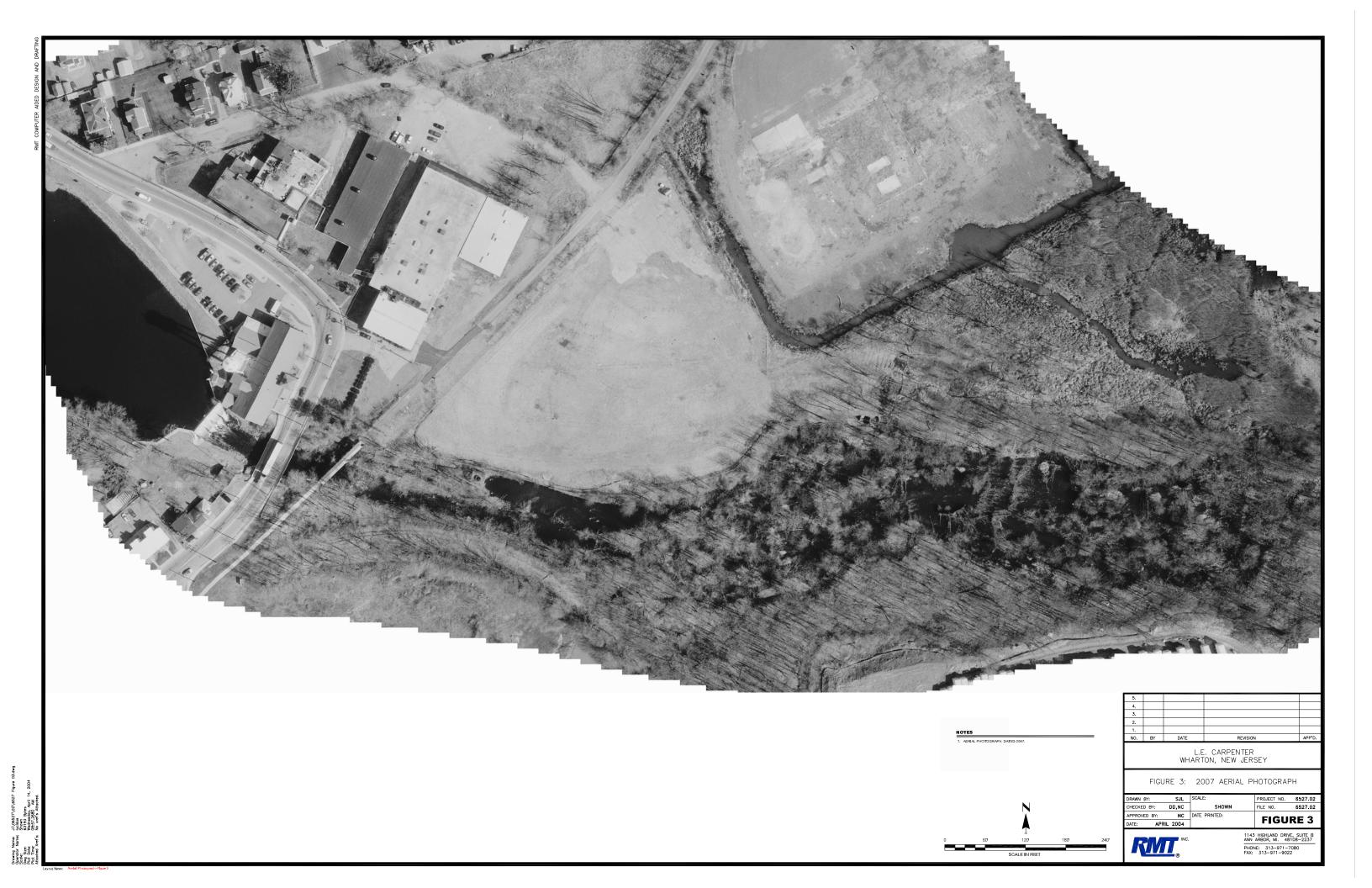
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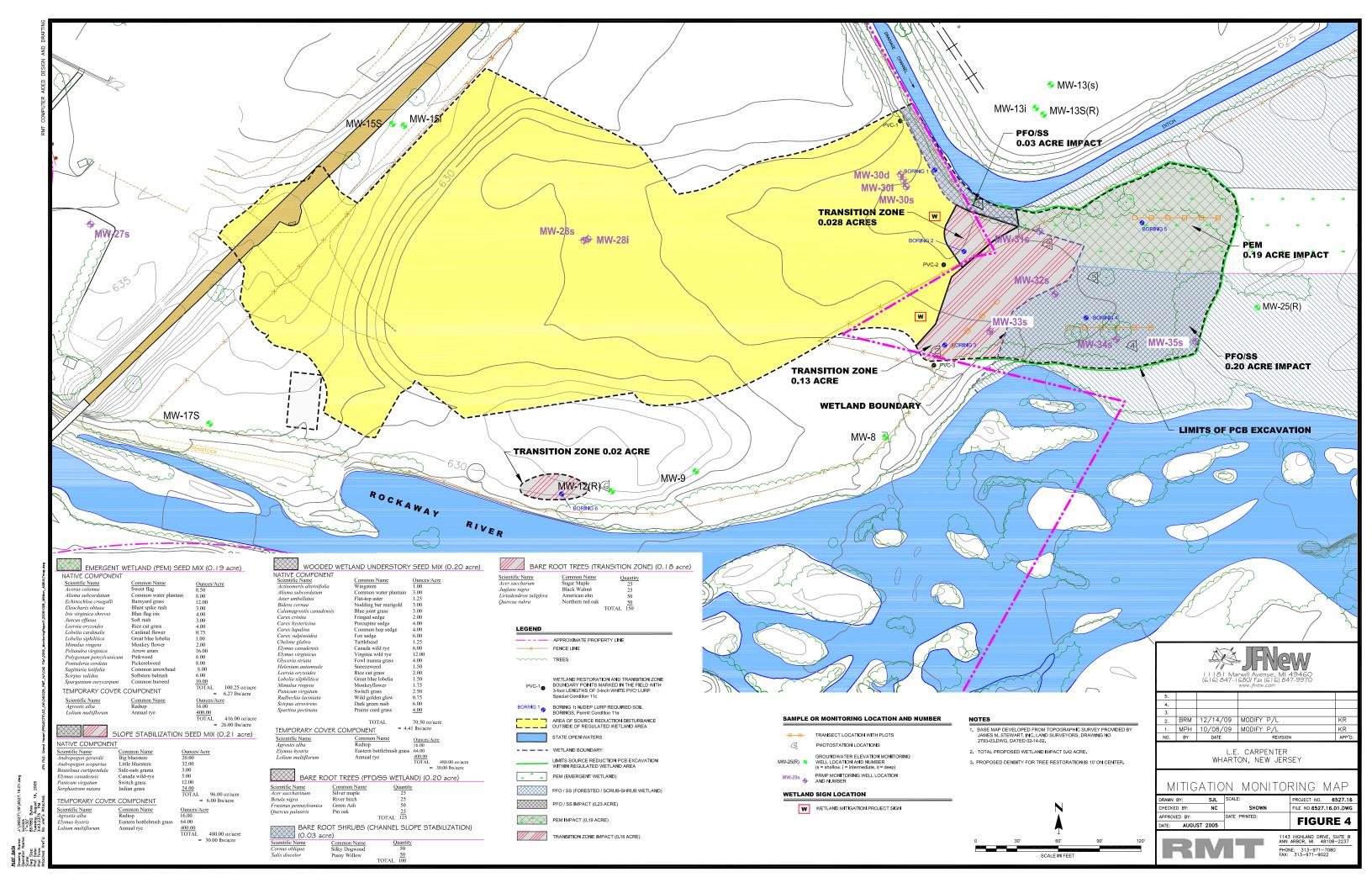


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## **Appendices**



# **Appendix A: Planting List**





#### **EMERGENT WETLAND IMPACT AREA (0.19 acre)**

#### Emergent Wetland Seed Mix (32.27 pounds/acre)

#### Native Component

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Acorus calamus	Sweet flag	8.50
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	8.00
Echinochloa crusgalli	Barnyard grass	12.00
Eleocharis ovata	Blunt spike rush	3.00
Iris virginica shrevei	Blue flag iris	4.00
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	3.00
Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass	4.00
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower	0.75
Lobelia siphilitica	Great blue lobelia	1.00
Mimulus ringens	Monkey flower	2.00
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	16.00
Polygonum pensylvanicum	Pinkweed	6.00
Pontederia cordata	Pickerelweed	8.00
Sagittaria latifolia	Common arrowhead	8.00
Scirpus validus	Softstem bulrush	6.00
Sparganium eurycarpum	Common burreed	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL NATIVE FORBS AND GR	ASSES	100.25 = (6.27  lbs/acre)

#### **Temporary Cover Component**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	16.00
Lolium perenne	Annual rye	<u>400.00</u>
TOTAL		416.00 = (26.00  lbs/acre)



#### FORESTED/SCRUB-SHRUB IMPACT AREA (0.20 acre)

#### **Wooded Wetland Understory Seed Mix (34.41 pounds/acre)**

Native Component		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	3.00
Aster umbellatus	Flat-top aster	1.25
Bidens cernua	Nodding bur marigold	3.00
Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue joint grass	3.00
Carex crinita	Fringed sedge	2.00
Carex hystericina	Porcupine sedge	4.00
Carex lupulina	Common hop sedge	4.00
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox sedge	6.00
Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	1.25
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild rye	6.00
Elymus virginicus	Virginia wild rye	12.00
Glyceria striata	Fowl manna grass	4.00
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	1.50
Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass	2.00
Lobelia silphilitica	Great blue lobelia	1.50
Mimulus ringens	Monkeyflower	1.75
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	2.50
Rudbeckia laciniata	Wild golden glow	0.75
Scirpus atrovirens	Dark green rush	6.00
Spartina pectinata	Prairie cord grass	4.00
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL NATIVÉ FORBS AND GR	_	70.50 = (4.41  lbs/acre)

Temporary Cover Component

Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Redtop	16.00
Eastern bottlebrush grass	64.00
Annual rye	400.00
·	480.00 = (30.00  lbs/acre)
	Redtop Eastern bottlebrush grass

Scientific Name	Common Name	Quantity
Acer saccharinum	Silver maple	25
Betula nigra	River birch	25
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green ash	50
Quercus palustris	Pin oak	<u>25</u>
TOTAL TREES		125



#### DRAINAGE CHANNEL SIDESLOPE IMPACT AREA (0.03 acre)

#### Slope Stabilization Mix (36.00 pounds/acre)

Native	Component
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Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem	20.00
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats grama	3.00
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild-rye	5.00
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	12.00
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	32.00
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass	24.00

TOTAL NATIVE GRASSES  $\overline{96.00} = (6.00 \text{ lbs/acre})$ 

**Temporary Cover Component** 

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	16.00
Elymus hystrix	Eastern bottlebrush grass	64.00
Lolium perenne	Annual rye	400.00
TOTAL	•	480.00 = (30.00  lbs/acre)

Common Name	<u>Quantity</u>
Silky dogwood	50
Pussy willow	<u>50</u>
	100
	Silky dogwood



Ounces/Acre

#### TRANSITION ZONE IMPACT AREA (0.18 acre)

#### Slope Stabilization Mix (36.00 pounds/acre)

Native Component	
Scientific Name	Common Name

Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem	20.00
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats grama	3.00
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild-rye	5.00
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	12.00
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	32.00
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass	<u>24.00</u>

TOTAL NATIVE GRASSES 96.00 = (6.00 lbs/acre)

**Temporary Cover Component** 

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	16.00
Elmana lanatuin	Eastern hettlehmich ange	64.00

Elymus hystrix Eastern bottlebrush grass 64.00 Lolium perenne Annual rye 400.00

TOTAL 480.00 = (30.00 lbs/acre)

Scientific Name	Common Name	<b>Quantity</b>
Acer saccharum	Sugar maple	25
Juglans nigra	Black walnut	25
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip tree	50
Quercus rubra	Red oak	<u>50</u>
TOTAL TREES		150



#### **2008 Supplemental Plantings**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Quantity
Acer rubrum	Red maple	25
Acer saccharinum	Silver maple	25
Betula nigra	River birch	25
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	25
Cornus sericea	Red-osier dogwood	50
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip tree	25
Quercus palustris	Pin oak	25
Quercus rubra	Red oak	25
Salix nigra	Black willow	25
Ulmus americana	American elm	<u>25</u>
TOTAL TREES/SHRUBS		275

# **Appendix B: Wetland Data Sheets**



DATA ENTRY FORM				
MITIGATION WET	MITIGATION WETLAND MONITORING			
Special Site Notes: None				
Project Number: 040229 Project Name/Location: RMT/New Jersey				
General Site Conditions: Good overall vegetative cover; Area still developing	Date: September 7, 2010			
Past and Present Weather: Sunny, dry	Site Hydrology: Dry to <1.5" of inundation			
Vildlife:				

#### VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA

Transect 1: Transition Zone					
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 1	Acalypha rhomboidea	1%	Plot 4	Andropogon gerardii	8%
	Agrostis gigantea	25%		Artemisia vulgaris	10%
	Artemisia vulgaris	5%		Aster pilosus	4%
	Coronilla varia	5%		Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	3%
	Daucus carota	3%		Euthamia graminifolia	8%
	Euthamia graminifolia	50%		Lotus corniculata	2%
	Plantago lanceolata	2%		Oxalis stricta	1%
	Plantago major	1%		Panicum virgatum	5%
	Setaria glauca	1%		Plantago major	2%
	Solidago altissima	15%		Potentilla simplex	15%
	Solidago rugosa	2%		Setaria glauca	1%
				Solidago altissima	7%
Plot 2	Agrostis gigantea	10%		Sorghastrum nutans	20%
	Artemisia vulgaris	2%		Verbena urticifolia	2%
	Aster lanceolatus	5%			
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	2%	Plot 5	Agrostis gigantea	15%
	Cyperus strigosus	2%		Ambrosia artemisiifolia	5%
	Euthamia graminifolia	10%		Carex rosea	2%
	Lotus corniculata	3%		Elaeagnus umbellata	3%
	Plantago lanceolata	3%		Euthamia graminifolia	10%
	Potentilla simplex	5%		Juncus tenuis	35%
	Rubus allegheniensis	5%		Lonicera tatarica	1%
	Solidago altissima	10%		Lythrum salicaria	3%
	Sorghastrum nutans	35%		Potentilla simplex	7%
	Verbena urticifolia	2%		Solidago altissima	10%
Plot 3	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	15%			
	Andropogon gerardii	15%			
	Andropogon scoparius	5%			
	Artemisia vulgaris	15%			
	Aster lanceolatus	7%			
	Euthamia graminifolia	8%			
	Juncus tenuis	1%			
	Lespedeza striata	4%			
	Potentilla simplex	2%			
	Solidago altissima	5%			
	Sorghastrum nutans	15%			

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA		
	Transition Zone Inventory	
Acalypha rhomboidea	Lythrum salicaria	
Agrostis gigantea	Oxalis stricta	
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Panicum virgatum	
Andropogon gerardii	Penstemon digitalis	
Andropogon scoparius	Phalaris arundinacea	
Apocynum cannabinum	Plantago lanceolata	
Artemisia vulgaris	Plantago major	
Aster lanceolatus	Poa compressa	
Aster pilosus	Polygonum aviculare	
Barbarea vulgaris	Polygonum persicaria	
Bidens frondosus	Potentilla norvegica	
Bouteloua curtipendula	Potentilla simplex	
Carex rosea	Rosa multiflora	
Catalpa speciosa	Rubus allegheniensis	
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Rudbeckia hirta	
Cichorium intybus	Rumex acetosella	
Cirsium discolor	Salix exigua	
Conyza canadensis	Setaria faberi	
Coronilla varia	Setaria glauca	
Cyperus strigosus	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	
Dactyloctenium aegyptium	Solidago altissima	
Datura stramonium	Solidago rugosa	
Daucus carota	Solidago speciosa	
Elaeagnus umbellata	Sorghastrum nutans	
Elymus virginicus	Toxicodendron radicans	
Erigeron strigosus	Verbascum thapsus	
Euthamia graminifolia	Verbena urticifolia	
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Verbesina alternifolia	
Helenium autumnale		
Hieracium piloselloides		
Juncus effusus		
Juncus tenuis		
Lespedeza capitata		
Lespedeza striata		
Linaria vulgaris		
Lonicera tatarica		
Lotus corniculata		

		VEGETATION	SAMPLING DATA		
	1	Transect 2: Emer	rgent Wetland Zor	ne	
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 1	Acalypha rhomboidea	3%	Plot 3 (cont.)	Lotus corniculatus	5%
	Agrostis hyemalis	15%		Lythrum salicaria	7%
	Epilobium coloratum	2%		Oenothera biennis	2%
	Leersia oryzoides	15%		Plantago major	4%
	Ludwigia palustris	7%		Potentilla simplex	5%
	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	2%		Setaria glauca	2%
	Phalaris arundinacea	40%		Solidago altissima	8%
	Pilea pumila	2%		Solidago gigantea	5%
	Polygonum sagittatum	10%		Verbena hastata	2%
	Typha angustifolia	2%			
	Typha latifolia	10%	Plot 4	Agrostis gigantea	3%
				Agrostis hyemalis	20%
Plot 2	Acalypha rhomboidea	5%		Aster lanceolatus	3%
	Agrostis hyemalis	35%		Daucus carota	2%
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	1%		Desmodium ciliare	5%
	Echinochloa crusgalli	3%		Euthamia graminifolia	7%
	Epilobium coloratum	5%		Glechoma hederacea	2%
	Juncus effusus	15%		Juncus effusus	4%
	Juncus tenuis	3%		Juncus tenuis	10%
	Leersia oryzoides	10%		Lythrum salicaria	10%
	Lythrum salicaria	7%		Plantago major	3%
	Mentha arvensis	3%		Solidago altissima	18%
	Mikania scandens	4%		Solidago gigantea	10%
	Panicum latifolium	5%			
	Phalaris arundinacea	8%	Plot 5	Carex vulpinoidea	10%
	Polygonum persicaria	2%		Euthamia graminifolia	7%
	Polygonum sagittatum	3%		Glechoma hederacea	3%
				Juncus tenuis	15%
Plot 3	Agrostis gigantea	3%		Lespedeza striata	5%
	Agrostis hyemalis	45%		Lotus corniculatus	35%
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	2%		Lythrum salicaria	5%
	Coronilla varia	5%		Plantago lanceolata	15%
	Daucus carota	2%		Polygonum aviculare	1%
	Euthamia graminifolia	5%		Rumex crispus	2%
	Glechoma hederacea	1%		Solidago altissima	4%
	Juncus canadensis	4%	7		
	Juncus effusus	5%	7		
	Juncus tenuis	3%			

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA  Transect 2: Emergent Wetland Zone						
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	
Plot 6	Acalypha rhomboidea	4%				
	Agrostis gigantea	35%				
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	3%				
	Dactyloctenium aegyptium	5%				
	Daucus carota	2%				
	Juncus tenuis	5%				
	Lotus corniculatus	25%				
	Polygonum aviculare	1%				
	Potentilla simplex	15%				
	Rosa multiflora	2%				
	Setaria glauca	4%				
	Solidago altissima	15%				

#### **VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA**

#### **Emergent Wetland Zone Inventory**

**Hydrology:** Soil moist at surface to 1.5" inundation.

Species Names	Species Names	Species Names
Acalypha rhomboidea	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Polygonum persicaria
Acer saccharinum	Geum canadense	Polygonum punctatum
Agrostis gigantea	Glechoma hederacea	Polygonum sagittatum
Agrostis hyemalis	Helenium autumnale	Populus deltoides
Arisaema triphyllum	Iris virginica	Potentilla simplex
Artemisia vulgaris	Juncus canadensis	Ranunculus acris
Asclepias incarnata	Juncus effusus	Rosa multiflora
Aster lanceolatus	Juncus tenuis	Rubus occidentalis
Aster pilosus	Leersia oryzoides	Rumex crispus
Boehmeria cylindrica	Lespedeza striata	Rumex obtusifolius
Carex crinita	Lobelia cardinalis	Sagittaria latifolia
Carex hystericina	Lotus corniculata	Scirpus cyperinus
Carex lurida	Ludwigia palustris	Scirpus pungens
Carex rosea	Lythrum salicaria	Scirpus validus
Carex vulpinoidea	Medicago lupulina	Setaria faberi
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Mentha arvensis	Setaria glauca
Cirscium arvense	Mentha piperita	Sisyrinchium angustifolium
Cornus amomum	Mikania scandens	Solidago altissima
Coronilla varia	Mimulus ringens	Solidago gigantea
Cyperus strigosus	Oenothera biennis	Solidago speciosa
Dactyloctenium aegyptium	Panicum latifolium	Sorghastrum nutans
Daucus carota	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Toxicodendron radicans
Desmodium ciliare	Phalaris arundinacea	Trifolium pratense
Echinochloa crusgalli	Pilea pumila	Trifolium repens
Elaeagnus umbellata	Plantago lanceolata	Typha angustifolia
Elymus virginicus	Plantago major	Typha latifolia
Epilobium coloratum	Plantago rugelii	Verbascum thapsus
Erechtites hieracifolia	Poa compressa	Verbena hastata
Euthamia graminifolia	Polygonum aviculare	

		VEGETATION	SAMPLING DATA			
Transect 3: Forested Wetland Zone						
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	
Plot 1	Agrostis hyemalis	20%	Plot 3 (cont.)	Epilobium coloratum	5%	
	Bidens cernuus	2%		Euthamia graminifolia	25%	
	Epilobium coloratum	3%		Helenium autumnale	10%	
	Leersia oryzoides	45%		Lobelia siphilitica	2%	
	Mikania scandens	5%		Lotus corniculatus	1%	
	Phalaris arundinacea	5%		Rumex crispus	3%	
	Pilea pumila	2%		Setaria glauca	2%	
	Typha angustifolia	10%		Solidago altissima	25%	
	Typha latifolia	10%				
			Plot 4	Agrostis hyemalis	15%	
Plot 2	Agrostis hyemalis	25%		Aster lanceolatus	6%	
	Aster lanceolatus	5%		Elymus canadensis	1%	
	Bidens frondosus	1%		Euthamia graminifolia	20%	
	Daucus carota	2%		Helenium autumnale	10%	
	Echinochloa crusgalli	1%		Lotus corniculatus	30%	
	Epilobium coloratum	2%		Lythrum salicaria	3%	
	Eupatorium sessilifolium	2%		Oxalis stricta	2%	
	Euthamia graminifolia	5%		Polygonum punctatum	1%	
	Helenium autumnale	25%		Populus tremuloides	2%	
	Lotus corniculata	10%		Potentilla simplex	5%	
	Lythrum salicaria	2%		Solidago altissima	10%	
	Panicum latifolia	1%				
	Plantago major	3%	Plot 5	Agrostis gigantea	3%	
	Setaria glauca	2%		Agrostis hyemalis	25%	
	Solidago altissima	25%		Ambrosia artemisiifolia	2%	
				Artemisia vulgaris	3%	
Plot 3	Agrostis gigantea	5%		Cyperus strigosus	1%	
	Agrostis hyemalis	30%		Euthamia graminifolia	10%	
	Artemisia vulgaris	2%		Helenium autumnale	15%	
	Aster lanceolatus	3%		Lespedeza striata	2%	
	Aster lateriflorus	2%		Lobelia siphilitica	1%	
	Bidens frondosus	2%		Lotus corniculatus	25%	
	Daucus carota	3%		Mentha arvensis	3%	

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA						
Transect 3: Forested Wetland Zone						
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	
Plot 5 (cont.)	Potentilla simplex	2%				
	Quercus palustris	1%				
	Solidago altissima	10%				
	Trifolium pratense	1%				
Plot 6	Agrostis gigantea	2%				
	Agrostis hyemalis	65%				
	Erigeron strigosus	2%				
	Euthamia graminifolia	5%				
	Helenium autumnale	10%				
	Lotus corniculatus	5%				
	Lythrum salicaria	1%				
	Plantago major	2%				
	Potentilla simplex	5%				
	Setaria glauca	3%				
	Solidago altissima	7%				

#### **VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA**

#### Forested Wetland Zone Inventory

**Hydrology:** Soil moist to 1.5" inundation.

Species Names	Species Names	Species Names
Acalypha rhomboidea	Epilobium coloratum	Polygonum virginianum
Acer rubrum	Erechtites hieracifolia	Populus tremuloides
Acer saccharinum	Erigeron strigosus	Potentilla simplex
Achillea millefolium	Eupatorium sessilifolium	Quercus palustris
Agrostis gigantea	Euthamia graminifolia	Ranunculus acris
Agrostis heymalis	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Rosa multiflora
Alliaria petiolata	Glechoma hederacea	Rumex crispus
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Helenium autumnale	Salix exigua
Andropogon gerardii	Impatiens capensis	Saururus cernuus
Artemisia vulgaris	Lamium purpureum	Scirpus atrovirens
Asclepias incarnata	Leersia oryzoides	Scirpus cyperinus
Aster lanceolatus	Lepidium campestre	Scirpus pungens
Aster lateriflorus	Lespedeza striata	Setaria faberi
Aster umbellatus	Liriodendron tulipifera	Setaria glauca
Barbarea vulgaris	Lobelia siphilitica	Solanum dulcamara
Bidens cernuus	Lotus corniculata	Solidago altissima
Bidens frondosus	Lythrum salicaria	Solidago rugosa
Carex comosa	Medicago lupulina	Sorghastrum nutans
Carex intumescens	Mentha arvensis	Thlaspi arvense
Carex vulpinoidea	Mentha spicata	Tilia americana
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Mikania scandens	Trifolium pratense
Circaea lutetiana	Oxalis stricta	Typha angustifolia
Cornus amomum	Panicum latifolium	Typha latifolia
Cyperus strigosus	Panicum virgatum	Typha xglauca
Datura stramonium	Phalaris arundinacea	Verbascum thapsus
Daucus carota	Pilea pumila	Verbena hastata
Desmodium ciliare	Plantago major	Verbena urticifolia
Echinochloa crusgalli	Poa compressa	Verbesina alternifolia
Elaeagnus umbellata	Polygonum persicaria	
Eleocharis obtusa	Polygonum punctatum	
Elymus canadensis	Polygonum sagittatum	

# Appendix C: Photographs of Wetland Development





Photo 1. Forested Zone facing west.



Photo 2. Emergent Zone facing east.

Site Photographs
September 7, 2010
L.E. Carpenter & Company
Wetland Restoration Area
Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey

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Photo 3. Emergent Zone facing west.



Photo 4. View of vegetation in Emergent and Forested Zones facing south.

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Photo 5. Transition Zone facing northeast.



Photo 6. Monitoring Well in Transition Zone.

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### Appendix D: NJDEP Permit 1439-04-0001.1





#### State of New Jersey

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Mr. Nicholas Clevett RMT, Inc., Michigan 2025 E. Beltline Avenue SE, Suite 402 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

RE: Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit No. 4

File No.: 1439-04-0001.1 (FWW 040001)

Applicant: L.E. Carpenter & Company

Block: 301; Lot: 1

Block: 801; Lots: 3, 4, & 5

Wharton Borough, Morris County Nearest Waterway: Rockaway River

Passaic River Basin

Dear Mr. Clevett:

The Land Use Regulation Program has reviewed the referenced application for a Statewide General Permit authorization pursuant to the requirements of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A. The proposed activity is authorized by Statewide General Permit No. 4, which allows regulated activities in freshwater wetlands, transition areas and State open waters for the investigation, cleanup or removal of hazardous substances or pollutants, which are undertaken, authorized or otherwise expressly approved in writing by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

#### Limit of Authorized Disturbance

The approved plans are prepared by RMT, Inc., dated February 21, 2005, last revised February 21, 2005, and entitled:

"L.E. Carpenter, Wetland and Stream Encroachment Permit Applications, Wharton, New Jersey"

"F3 - Wetland Impact Map", Sheet No. F3 of 7;

"F4 - Wetland Restoration Plan", Sheet No. F4 of 7;

"F5 - Construction Staging and Excavation Plan", Sheet No. F5 of 7;

"F6 - Final Grading Plan", Sheet No. F6 of 7;

"F7 - Details", Sheet No. F7 of 7

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Based on the approved plans, the authorized activity involves the disturbance of approximately 0.42 of an acre of freshwater wetlands and/or State open waters and approximately 0.19 acres of wetland transition areas for removal of contaminated soil and restoration of the disturbed areas. Any additional disturbance of freshwater wetlands, State open waters or transition areas besides that shown on the approved plans shall be considered a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act unless the activity is exempt or a permit is obtained prior to the start of the disturbance from the Land Use Regulation Program.

#### Permit Conditions

The activities allowed by this authorization shall comply with the following conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B-1 et seq.).

#### **Special Conditions**

- 1. All regulated activities at this existing Superfund site must be in accordance with the requirements of the Department's Site Remediation Program and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including any requirements contained within an approved Remedial Action Workplan.
- 2. In order to protect the trout maintenance and trout stocked waters of the Rockaway River, any proposed grading or construction activities within the banks of this river are prohibited between March 15 and June 15 of each year. In addition, any activity within the 100-year flood plain or flood hazard area of this watercourse which could introduce sediment into said stream or which could cause an increase in the natural level of turbidity is also prohibited during this period. The Department reserves the right to suspend all regulated activities on site should it be determined that the applicant has not taken proper precautions to ensure continuous compliance with this condition.
- 3. All backfill soils shall consist of clean, suitable material free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts.
- 4. In addition to restoration of the wetland transition area as shown on the approved plan entitled "F4- Wetland Restoration Plan", the applicant shall also restore an area of wetland transition area not currently shown on the plan. This area extends 50' from the wetlands on the Wharton Enterprise property. These wetlands are classified as Intermediate resource value. This additional wetland transition area is drawn on the attached map portion. The restoration of this additional area shall be consistent with the notes on Sheet No. F4 of 7.
- 5. The mitigation project must be conducted prior to or concurrent with the construction of the approved project.

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- 6. Mitigate for the loss of <u>0.16 acres</u> of emergent wetlands and <u>0.26 acres</u> of forested and scrub/shrub wetlands through an on-site restoration project as shown on the plan entitled "F4 Wetland Restoration Plan, L.E. Carpenter, Wetland and Stream Encroachment Permit Applications, Wharton, New Jersey", dated February 21, 2005, last revised February 21, 2005, and prepared by RMT, Inc. In the event there is a conflict between the permit conditions and the approved mitigation plan and proposal the permit conditions take precedent.
- 7. The permittee shall notify the Land Use Regulation Program, in writing, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the start of construction of the wetland mitigation project for an on-site pre-construction meeting between the permittee, the contractor, the consultant and the Program.
- 8. The mitigation designer must be present during critical stages of construction of the mitigation project this includes but is not limited to herbicide applications, sub-grade inspection, final grade inspection, and planting inspection to ensure the intent of the mitigation design and their predicted wetland hydrology is realized in the landscape. Mitigation designs are not static documents and changes may be necessary to ensure success of the project. It shall be the prerogative of the mitigation consultant to make changes to the design should field conditions warrant such action.
- 9. Immediately following final grading of the site, a disc must be run over the site to eliminate compaction. The mitigation designer must be present to oversee this phase of the project and confirm with the Department this activity has occurred prior to planting of the site.
- 10. Immediately following the final grading of the mitigation site and prior to planting, the permittee shall notify the Program for a post-grading construction meeting between the permittee, contractor, consultant and the Program. The permittee must give the Program at least thirty (30) days notice prior to the date of this meeting.
- 11. Within 30 days following the final grading and planting of the mitigation project, the permittee shall submit a final report to the Land Use Regulation Program. The final report shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
  - a. A completed WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION FORM (attached) which certifies that the mitigation project has been constructed as designed and that the proposed area of wetland creation, restoration or enhancement has been accomplished;
  - b. As built plans which depict final grade elevations at one foot contours and include a table of the species and quantities of vegetation that were planted including any grasses that may have been used for soil stabilization purposes;
  - c. Show on the as-built plans that the boundaries of the wetland mitigation area has been visibly marked with 3 inch white PVC pipe extending 4 feet above the ground surface. The stakes must remain on the site for the entire monitoring period;

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- d. Photos of the constructed wetland mitigation project with a photo location map as well as the GPS waypoints in NJ state plane coordinates NAD 1983;
- e. To document that the required amount of soil has been placed/replaced over the entire area of the mitigation site, provide a minimum of 6 soil profile descriptions to a depth of 20 inches. The location of each soil profile description should be depicted on the as built plan as well as provide the GPS waypoints in NJ state plane coordinates NAD 1983;
- f. Submit soil test results demonstrating at least 8% organic carbon content (by weight) was incorporated into the A-horizon for sandy soil and for all other soil types 12% organic content or if manmade top soil was used it consisted of equal volumes of organic and mineral materials;
- g. The permittee shall post the mitigation area with several permanent signs, which identify the site as a wetland mitigation project and that mowing, cutting, dumping and draining of the property is prohibited; and
- h. The sign must also state the name of the permittee, LURP permit number along with a contact name and phone number.
- 12. If the Program determines that the mitigation project is not constructed in conformance with the approved plan, the permittee will be notified in writing and will have 60 days to submit a proposal to indicate how the project will be corrected. No financial surety will be released by the Program until the permittee demonstrates that the mitigation project is constructed in conformance with the approved plan, all soil has been stabilized and there is no active erosion.
- 13. The permittee shall monitor the mitigation project for 5 full growing seasons if it is a proposed forested or scrub/shrub wetland and 3 full growing seasons for an emergent wetland or State open water after the mitigation project has been constructed. The permittee shall submit monitoring reports to the Land Use Regulation Program no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each monitoring year (All monitoring reports must include the standard items identified in the attachment and the information requested below).
- 14. All monitoring report will include all the following information (see attached monitoring report checklist):
  - a. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation that it is anticipated, based on field data, that the goals of the wetland mitigation project including the transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit will be satisfied. If the permittee is finding problems with the mitigation project and does not anticipate the site will be a full success then recommendations on how to rectify the problems must be included in the report with a time frame in which they will be completed;
  - b. All monitoring reports except the final one must include field data to document that the site is progressing towards 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes (Target hydrophytes are non-invasive native species to the area and similar to ones identified on the mitigation planting plan). If the proposed plant community is a scrub/shrub or a forested wetland the permittee must also demonstrate each year with data that the woody species are thriving, increasing in stem density and height each year. If the field data shows that the mitigation project is failing to meet the vegetation survival, coverage and health goals, the monitoring

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report should contain a discussion of steps that will be taken to rectify the problem, including a schedule of implementation;

- c. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation of any invasive or noxious species (see below for list of species) colonizing the site and how they are being eliminated. The permittee is required to eliminate either through hand-pulling, application of a pesticide or other Department approved method any occurrence of an invasive/noxious species on the mitigation site during the monitoring period;
- d. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation that demonstrates the proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal appears to be met. If the permittee is finding problems with the mitigation project and does not anticipate the proposed hydrologic regime will be or has not been met then recommendations on how to rectify the problem must be included in the report along with a time frame within which it will be completed;
- e. The final monitoring report must include documentation to demonstrate that the goals of the wetland mitigation project including the required transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit, has been satisfied. Documentation for this report will also include a field wetland delineation of the wetland mitigation project based on techniques as specified in the <u>Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands</u> (1989);
- f. The final monitoring report must include documentation the site has an 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of the mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes. The permittee must also document that all plant species are healthy and thriving and if the proposed plant community contains trees demonstrate that the trees are at least five feet in height;
- g. The final monitoring report must include documentation demonstrating the site is less than 10 percent occupied by invasive or noxious species such as but not limited to Phalaris arundinacea (Reed canary grass), Phragmities australis (Common reed grass), Pueraria lobata (Kudzu), Typha latifloia (Broad-leaved cattail), Typha angustifolia (Narrowed leaved cattail), Lythrum salicaria (Purple loosestrife), Ailanthus altissima (Tree-of-heaven), Berberis thunbergi (Japanese barberry), Berberis vulgaris (Common barberry), Elaeagnus angustifloia (Russian olive), Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn olive), Ligustrum obtusifolium (Japanese privet), Ligustrum vulgare (Common privet) and Rosa multiforia (Multiflora rose);
- h. The final monitoring report must include documentation that demonstrates that the proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal, which proves the mitigation site is a wetland has been satisfied. The documentation shall include when appropriate monitoring well data, stream gauge data, photographs and field observation notes collected throughout the monitoring period; and
- i. The final monitoring report must include documentation that the site contains hydric soils or there is evidence of reduction occurring in the soil throughout the delineated wetlands.
- 15. Once the required monitoring period has expired and the permittee has submitted the final monitoring report, the Program will make the finding that the mitigation project is either a

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success or a failure. This mitigation project will be considered successful if the permittee demonstrates all of the following:

- a. That the goals of the wetland mitigation project including acreage and the required transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit, has been satisfied. The permittee must submit a field wetland delineation of the wetland mitigation project based on the <u>Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands</u> (1989) which shows the exact acreage of State open waters, emergent, scrub/shrub and/or forested wetlands in the mitigation area;
- b. The site has an 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of the mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes which are species native to the area and similar to ones identified on the mitigation planting plan. All plant species in the mitigation area are healthy and thriving. All trees are at least five feet in height;
- c. The site is less than 10 percent occupied by invasive or noxious species such as but not limited to *Phalaris arundinacea* (Reed canary grass), *Phragmities australis* (Common reed grass), *Pueraria montana* (Kudzu), *Typha latifloia* (Broad-leaved cattail), *Typha angustifolia* (Narrowed leaved cattail), *Lythrum salicaria* (Purple loosestrife), *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree-of-heaven), *Berberis thunbergi* (Japanese barberry), *Berberis vulgaris* (Common barberry), *Elaeagnus angustifloia* (Russian olive), *Elaeagnus umbellata* (Autumn olive), *Ligustrum obtusifolium* (Japanese privet), *Ligustrum vulgare* (Common privet) and *Rosa multiforia* (Multiflora rose);
- d. The site contains hydric soils or there is evidence of reduction occurring in the soil; and,
- e. The proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal, which proves the mitigation site is a wetland has been satisfied.
- 16. If the mitigation project is considered a failure, the permittee is required to submit a revised mitigation plan to rectify the wetland mitigation site. The plan shall be submitted within 60 days of receipt of the letter from the Program indicating the wetland mitigation project was a failure.
- 17. The permittee shall assume all liability for accomplishing corrective work should the Program determine that the compensatory mitigation has not been 100% satisfactory. Remedial work may include re-grading and/or replanting the mitigation site. This responsibility is incumbent upon the permittee until such time that the Department makes the finding that the mitigation project is successful.

In addition to the above conditions and the conditions noted at N.J.A.C. 7:7A 4.3 and 5.4, the following general conditions must be met for the activity authorized under this Statewide General Permit:

#### General Conditions:

18. All fill and other earth work on the lands encompassed within this permit authorization shall be stabilized in accordance with "Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey" to prevent eroded soil from entering adjacent waterways or wetlands at any time during and subsequent to construction.

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- 19. This permit is revocable in accordance with DEP regulations and State law.
- 20. The issuance of this permit shall not be deemed to affect in any way other actions by the Department on any future application.
- 21. The activities shown on the approved plans shall be constructed and/or executed in conformity with any notes and details on said plans and any conditions stipulated herein.
- 22. No change in plans or specifications shall be made except with the prior written permission of the Department.
- 23. The granting of this authorization shall not be construed to in any way affect the title or ownership of the property, and shall not make the Department or the State a party in any suit or question of ownership of the property.
- 24. This permit is not valid and no work shall be undertaken pursuant to this authorization until all other required federal, state, and local approvals, licenses and permits necessary for commencement of work onsite have been obtained.
- 25. A complete, legible copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site and shall be exhibited upon request of any person.
- 26. The permittee shall allow the Program the right to inspect the construction site and also shall provide the Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement, NJDEP, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 422, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 with written notification 7 days prior to the start of the authorized work.
- 27. This authorization is valid for five years from the date of this letter unless more stringent standards are adopted by rule prior to this date.

#### Transition Area

The wetlands affected by this permit authorization are of Ordinary and Intermediate resource value. The wetland located associated with the drainage channel located along the eastern side of the site are classified as Ordinary resource value. No standard transition area is required adjacent to Ordinary resource value wetlands. The wetlands located on the adjacent Wharton Enterprise property are classified as Intermediate resource value and have a standard required transition area or buffer of 50 feet. In addition, all of the wetlands are classified as priority wetlands by the United States Environmental Protection Agency since they drain into the Passaic River Basin. This General Permit includes a transition area waiver that allows encroachment only in that portion of the transition area that has been determined by the Department to be necessary to accomplish the regulated activities. Any additional regulated activities conducted within the standard transition area shall require a separate transition area

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waiver from the Program. Regulated activities within a transition area are defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.6.

#### Consistency with the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan

This project has not been reviewed for consistency with the relevant Water Quality Management Plan or Statewide Water Quality Management Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15). As such, there is no intended or implied approval regarding additional permits which may be required from the Department. For treatment works approvals, the consistency determination will be performed by the Bureau of Engineering and Permitting (North/South) which may be contacted at (609) 292-6894 for North (Middlesex, Hunterdon and Counties north) or (609) 633-1139 for South (Mercer, Monmouth and Counties south). For general information concerning the water quality management planning process, please contact the Division of Watershed Management at (609) 633-1179.

#### Appeal of Decision

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.7, any person who is aggrieved by this decision may request a hearing within 30 days of the decision date by writing to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Legal Affairs, Attention: Adjudicatory Hearing Requests, P.O. Box 402, Trenton NJ 08625. This request must include a completed copy of the Administrative Hearing Request Checklist.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Susan Michniewski of our staff at (609) 633-9277. Please reference the above file number.

Sincerely.

Mark A. Godfrey, Supervisor

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Morris & Bergen Counties Region

Bureau of Inland Regulation

Attachments (map sketch, mitigation forms)

c. Anthony Cinque, Site Remediation Program

Jodale Legg, Land Use Regulation Program - Mitigation Unit

Nadine White, Land Use Regulation Program

Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement

Wharton Borough Clerk

Wharton Borough Construction Official

Wharton Borough Planning Board

Wharton Borough Environmental Commission